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Yours faithfully,

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Hon. J. A. CALDER, M.P.P.,
Acting Premier,
Regina, Sask.

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OTTAWA, ONT., January 9, 1912.

DEAR SIR,—In further reply to your letter of the 30th of December I find after consultation with my colleagues it will be quite impossible to fix any date for a conference before the end of the present session. Owing to the many matters which have pressed upon our attention and the necessity of holding a session almost immediately after we assumed office, we have been obliged to defer by reason of absolute necessity consideration of many matters which are of the highest importance.

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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SASKATCHEWAN,
REGINA, January 23, 1912.

DEAR SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant in which you intimate that it will be impossible for you to arrange for the conference asked for by the Government of Saskatchewan until after the close of the present session of Parliament. On behalf of this government it is my duty to convey to you the regret which we feel at your inability to deal with the matter earlier. The resolution passed unanimously by the Saskatchewan Legislature nearly one year ago assumed, as its wording will show, that this question should properly be disposed of simultaneously with the question of the extension of the boundaries of Manitoba, which it is generally understood will be settled by legislation at the present session. Moreover your attention has already been called, since you assumed office, to the claim of this province for an extension of its boundaries to Hudson bay. These facts coupled with the further fact that your own declared policy is to convey to Saskatchewan the natural resources within the province, make it a matter of deep regret to us that action in the premises should be delayed and that consideration of our claims should be postponed until after the Manitoba question has been disposed of.

We still hope that you will find it possible to reconsider this matter and arrange for the necessary conference in order to deal with the whole question of the partition

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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SASKATCHEWAN,
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DEAR MR. BORDEN,—By letter to you dated November 13 last, Mr. Scott called your attention to several matters concerning which resolutions were adopted by the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan at its last session. One of the matters referred to in Mr. Scott's letter, namely, the question of the control of provincial resources, has since been the subject of correspondence between you and me, but no reply appears to have been received from you as to the other matters mentioned by Mr. Scott. The resolutions referred to deal with the questions of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company's exemption from taxation, the control of school lands and the contract between the Dominion Government and the Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan Railway and Steamboat Company.

The first two mentioned matters will doubtless require a little time and consideration, but I would respectfully suggest that there does not appear to be any reason why the resolution of the Assembly concerning the Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan Railway Company might not be dealt with at once, if action has not already been taken by your government. In the opinion of this government the relief asked for should be granted immediately if at all. Our legislature is now in session and I would like very much to be in a position to inform the Assembly of your decision in the matter at an early date.

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